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1. AT THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF ITALIAN FORCE PLANS ON NOVEMBER 25, WE PROPOSE TO PLACE EIMHASIS ON PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE THE ARMY AND ON THE NEED FOR FULL AND TIMELY NATO CONSULTATIONS. INFORMATION ON ARMY RESTRUCTURING PROVIDED BY ITALY IN RESPONSE TO DPQ(75) IS, HOWEVER, EXTERMELY LIMITED. THE DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTER ON ITALY'S FORCE PLANS (DRC/WP(75-2 - ITALY) THAT HE IS WILL ISSUE WILL INCLUDE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ARMY RESTRUCTURING OBTAINED AT THE RECONT TRILATERAL EXAMINATION, BUT THE IS INFORMS US THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE PICTURE OF RESTRUCTURING PLANS.

2. TO ASSIST US IN PREPARING FOR THE MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AMEMBASSY ROME COULD COMMENT ON OUR
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ANALYSIS OF ITALY'S DPQ(75) REPLY (REFTEL) AND PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING ITALIAN FORCE PLANS, IN PARTICULAR THE RESTRUCTURING.

3. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THE
STATUS OF THE "PROMOTIONAL LAWS" FOR THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE
AND YOUR ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN THEY MAY BECOME LAW.
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